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ATTENDANCE AT MAKING PLANS STATE COLLEGE TO REGISTER WILL BE LARGE LOCAL LABOR

PRESIDENT WHITFIELD COMMITTEE IS TO ENTER
EXPECTS GREAT NUM- UPON WORK DURING
BER NEW STUDENTS COMING WEEK

FACULTY CHANGES WILL BE THOROUGH

Quite a Number of New Manpower of County Will be
Teachers Have Been En- Ascertained and Regis-
gaged for Coming Session trants Given Cards.

The Mississippi Industrial Institute and college will inaugurate its thirty-fourth annual session Tuesday, September 24, and President Whitfield and a large corps of assistants are busy getting things in shape for the opening. The legislature dealt rather parsimoniously with the college at its last session, having appropriated only about \$25,000 for repairs and improvements; but this money has been judiciously expended and all the buildings have been put in thorough repair, while some urgently needed improvements have been installed. The principal improvement consists in the installation of two passenger elevators, one having been placed in Shattuck hall, and one in the main dormitory. These elevators will be operated by members of the fair sex, it being the intention of President Whitfield to employ for that purpose ambitious young girls who are anxious to take advantage of the business course which the college curriculum includes. The steam heating system has also been overhauled and a new boiler installed at the power plant, while in several of the buildings the walls have been retinted and the woodwork repainted.

While the legislature failed to deal generously with the college, the institution recently had a handsome gift in the shape of a farm from B. B. Jones, a wealthy Philanthropist who formerly resided at Durant, Miss., but who now is a resident of Washington, D. C. The farm, which is located about two miles northeast of Columbus, was purchased at a cost of something like \$10,000, and Mr. Jones has donated an additional \$15,000 for improvements. There are 340 acres in the tract, and while the fact that the place had been leased for the present year before the purchase was made prevented President Whitfield from doing much work during the past season he intends to eventually make it one of the most modern farms in the state, and much of the country produce for the college tables will be raised there.

Although it is known that many former students who have not yet graduated and who would have completed their courses had not the war created a most urgent demand for their services will not return this session, applications from young ladies who have never before attended the college make it certain that their places will all be filled and that the institution will open with its full quota of students. Many young ladies who formerly attended the college have obtained lucrative government positions in Washington, while others have answered the calls of schools and colleges and have taken up work as teachers in various towns and cities in this and other states.

The opening of the session will witness a number of changes in the faculty, some of the teachers having been granted leaves of absence to take up war work, while others have for different reasons tendered their resignations. Dr. Emily Runyon, who for many years past has been resident physician at the college, has resigned in order to take up the practice of medicine at her former home in Richmond, Va., and will be succeeded by Dr. Louise Elliott, who is a native of Holly Springs and who during the past session was resident physician at a female college at Blue Mountain, Miss. Miss Lena Ellington, of the department of history, has been granted a leave of absence to take up Red Cross work in France, while Miss Eloise McCaskill, of the department of English, has arranged to spend the coming year at Columbia University, and Miss Mary Callaway, of the same department, has resigned on account of ill health. Miss McCaskill will be succeeded by Miss Dempsey, of Jackson, Ga., who is a graduate of Columbia University, while Miss Carroll, of Winchester,

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CONFLANS SUPPLY BASE BOMBED BY THE AMERICANS



American aviators have again bombed the enemy base supply station at Conflans. This supply base is about 20 miles east of Verdun and is an important link in the enemy's line of defense. The railroad station and supply yards are reported to have been completely blown up by the effective bombing of the Americans. The picture gives a view of Conflans and the surrounding country.

CHECK IS KEPT UPON JOY RIDERS

"SERVICE" DECLARES THAT RE-
QUEST FOR CONSERVATION OF
GASOLINE IS DISOBEYED.

While the request of Fuel Administrator Garfield that owners of automobiles refrain from using them for pleasure purposes on the Sabbath has been fairly well observed by Columbians during the two Sundays it has been in effect, it is claimed that some car owners have today defied its observance today.

Local garages are certainly not responsible for any illegitimate use of gasoline which may have taken place, as all of them have been closed each Sunday since the request for the conservation of fuel of this character was issued.

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MASONS DEDICATE SERVICE BANNER

MEMBERS OF R. A. CHAPTER NO. 4
4 NOW IN SERVICE HONOR-
ED FRIDAY NIGHT.

Columbus R. A. Chapter No. 4 on Friday night dedicated its service flag in honor of the six members of the lodge who have joined the colors since the United States entered the war against Germany.

The program follows:
Invocation, Rev. T. E. Gregory,
pastor of the Central Methodist church.

Song, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," entire assemblage.
Address, "The High Aims of America and her Allies," Maj. B. A. Lincoln.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," entire assemblage.

Song, "America," Miss Mary Adelaide McCullough.

Song, "Dixie," entire assemblage.

Oration, "Old Glory," Mrs. D. F. McCullough.

Song, "The Star-Spangled Banner," entire assemblage.

Address, "The Achievements of Our Boys in Foreign Lands," Hon. F. C. Owen.

Song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," entire assemblage.

Address, "We Should Not Rest on the Laurels Our Soldiers Have Won," Hon. J. F. Frierson.

Address, "Our Army and Navy," Hon. James T. Harrison.

Song, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," entire assemblage.

Benediction, Rev. S. L. Pope.

The following members of the lodge are now in various branches of the service: Charles R. Cain, 1st lieutenant 155th Infantry, now in France; Frank Mayo, quartermaster sergeant, Camp Pike, George Mosby, sergeant, 177th Aviation squadron, now in England; John W. McLain, 1st lieutenant, Division medical corps; W. E. Eubanks, corporal, lieutenant 155th Infantry, now in France; C. J. Baxter, infantry forces, now in France.

FLYERS TO SPEND HOLIDAY HERE

ABOUT THIRTY PAYNE FIELD
AVIATORS WILL ATTEND LO-
CAL YOM KIPPUR SERVICES.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at 6 o'clock this evening and continues throughout tomorrow. The store of Jewish merchants will be closed tomorrow, and at 7:30 o'clock this evening there will be a service at Temple B'nai Israel, while at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning another service will begin and continue throughout the remainder of the day.

About thirty Jewish aviators from Payne Field are expected to spend the holiday here, and a talk will be made at noon Monday by Lieutenant Nathan, of the quartermaster's department.

The many friends of Lieut. A. C. Halbert will be interested in hearing that he has arrived safely in France.

2,220 MEN ENROLL FOR WAR SERVICE

TOTAL REGISTRATION 117 UN-
DER GENERAL CROWDER'S
OFFICIAL ESTIMATE.

A total of 2,323 citizens of Lowndes county enrolled their names last Thursday in compliance with the proclamation issued by President Wilson providing for the registration of all males between the ages of 18 and 45, inclusive, for military duty. This was only 117 names short of the estimate made for the county by Provost Marshal General Crowder, this estimate having been 2,440.

In the city of Columbus the total enrollment was 1,970, having been 640 white and 430 negro registrants. The enrollment of citizens was carried on quietly and unostentatiously. The registration booths were crowded throughout the day, but everything was exceedingly quiet, the registrants having realized the serious nature of the work in progress and having conducted themselves in a calm and decorous manner.

Following is a detail of the registration in Columbus:

Native born citizens, 1,052; Naturalized citizens, 6; citizens by father's naturalization before Registration's Majority, 3; Declarant Aliens, 1; Nondeclarant Aliens, 8; Number of registrants 18 years of age, 109; 19 years, 64; 20 years, 52; 21 years, 6; 22 years, 2; 23 years, 1; 25 years, 1; 30 years, 1; 32 years, 28; 33 years, 75; 34 years, 73; 35 years, 63; 36 years, 81; 37 years, 71; 38 years, 79; 39 years, 61; 40 years, 47; 41 years, 47; 42 years, 55. A singular co-incidence of the registration was that the same number of men, 51, registered in each of the last three year classes, 43, 44, and 45 years.

The county registration results follow:

Mr. Vernon, total, 61; whites, 29, negroes, 32.
Trinity, total, 141; whites, 9, negroes, 132.
Thomas Store, total, 201; whites, 20, negroes, 171.
Artesia, total, 142; white, 38, negroes, 104.
Steens, total, 104; whites, 61; negroes, 43.
Crawford, total, 151; whites, 20, negroes, 121.
Mayhew, total, 68; whites, 12, negroes, 56.
Caledonia, total, 285; whites, 180, negroes, 105.

VALENTINE-JORDAN.

A quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jordan, in East Columbus, when their daughter, Miss Allie Mae, was married to Mr. Claud L. Valentine. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. E. Gregory, pastor of the Central Methodist church.

The bride has for some time past been the efficient stenographer for the Columbus Lumber Company, and is a most attractive young lady.

The groom is a popular railroad man of this city, and is employed by the Southern Railway in this city. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for a trip to Birmingham.

LIBERTY BONDS AMERICANS ARE ARE TO BE FREE NOW ON MARCH OF SUR TAXES TOWARDS METZ

ALL HOLDINGS UP TO ARE NOW WITHIN FOUR
\$30,000 WILL BE EX- MILES OF THIS POINT.
EMPTED AND ADVANCING.

A LENGTHY DEBATE TEUTONS POUNDED

House Passes Bill and Senate The French and British Both
Expected to Soon Dispose Making Things Warm for
of Measure. the Enemy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—By an unanimous vote Friday the House passed the bill to facilitate the sale of the fourth income loan bonds by exempting from income surtaxes all individual holdings up to \$30,000. The vote on passage of the bill was 149 to none. The Senate is expected to pass the bill early next week.

Although Chairman Kitchin of the ways and means committee was of the opinion that the bill might be put through the House without any prolonged debate, so many differences arose during the discussion that it was necessary to give the entire day over to debate of the bill. Several amendments were adopted, one of which limits the authority of the secretary of the treasury in the matter of stabilizing foreign exchange to the period of two years after the war; another amendment removed the restriction on the sale of war savings certificates, so that more than \$100 may be sold at one time to one purchaser.

The only signs of hostility to the bill developed over the provision which gives the president authority to "investigate, regulate or prohibit transactions in bonds or certificates of indebtedness." Representative Hays of California, a member of the committee on banking, objected vigorously to this provision. He declared it would make it impossible for the holders of Liberty bonds to dispose of them when it became necessary to raise money. He said enforcement of the provision would mean the confiscation of private property, that it would be an extraordinary grant of power to the president and that such power over the individual bond-holders is not necessary.

Close on the heels of the terrific American drive between the Meuse and Moselle, the French struck out again today on a big front across the Ailette and Aisne rivers, advancing from one to two miles in a few hours.

A great number of German prisoners were captured, but the most important result was the new menace which confronts the hold the Germans had on the Chemin des Dames. (The Chemin des Dames is the high road-way just north of the Aisne river that the Germans made their stand on after their first retreat from the Marne in 1914. It is a piece of ground of much strategic importance.)

An interesting feature of the new attack was the fact that it extends over the Aisne-Vesle front where Americans are holding a big portion of the fighting line.

The week ends with victory resting on the standards of the three great allied armies on the western battle front, British, French and Americans.

LIBERTY LOAN TRAIN COMING.

Official information has been received here to the effect that a special train which is to be sent through this section to advertise the Fourth Liberty Loan will reach Columbus Thursday, October 3, at 11:15 a. m., and remain here two hours. The train will carry war relics and other interesting exhibits. It is not yet known at which depot the train will stop, but this information will be made public later.

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Sometime ago the board of supervisors adopted an order providing for the employment of a farm demonstration agent for Lowndes county, and the position has been given to P. B. Wells, who for sometime past has been federal agent in charge of farm improvement work in Lowndes, Clay and Oktibbeha counties. Mr. Wells has heretofore divided his time between the three counties; above mentioned and has made his headquarters at the Mississippi A. and M. College, near Starkville. Hereafter, however, he will devote his entire time to Lowndes county and will make his headquarters in this city. All county agents operate under the supervision of the Federal farm extension department, and Mr. Wells was appointed by Prof. E. R. Lloyd, state director, upon recommendation of R. S. Wilson, assistant director. The salary attached to the position is \$1,200 per year, one-half of which is paid by the Federal government and one-half by the county.

FIRE DESTROYS SMALL HOUSE.

The home of Morris Love, a negro residing on Nineteenth street and Eighth avenue, north, was completely destroyed by fire about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Practically all of the furnishings were also burned. The loss amounted to about \$1,000 with no insurance.

WOMEN SATISFACTORY.

Managers of local industrial plants, who several months ago began to employ negro women to take the places of men who had been called to war, have found their work entirely satisfactory. The Columbus Lumber has about 50 negro women in its employ, while the Cookeville Veneer Company has about 30 and other concerns employ smaller numbers.

Mr. M. T. Flood has been spending the week with relatives at Brookhaven.